

JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA



RESOLUTION

Whereas on February 26, 1903, California took a historic step in the legal treatment of children with the passage of the juvenile court act; and

Whereas the Judicial Council, from its inception in 1926, has been dedicated to improving the quality of justice and services to meet the diverse needs of children, youth, and families; and

Whereas California's juvenile courts are committed to bettering the lives of children and families involved in the juvenile court by building partnerships with other professions and agencies that work with children and families throughout our state; and

Whereas juvenile courts give children a better chance in life, either by speeding their reunification with their parents or by getting them into permanent placements if reunification fails; and

Whereas juvenile courts recognize the need for adults to supervise and rehabilitate troubled youth, while maintaining public safety and holding individual offenders accountable; and

Whereas the new century brings an opportunity for the judicial branch to enhance justice and permanency for children and youth through the juvenile court, the professions and agencies affiliated with the juvenile court, and other branches of government; and

Whereas the juvenile court plays a critical role in the development of children and youth and the rehabilitation of children who are in trouble with the law; and

Whereas we acknowledge the first one hundred years of California's juvenile courts, and look forward to strengthening these courts and their commitment to giving children and youth a chance to make a better choice;

Now, therefore, I, Ronald M. George, Chief Justice of California, do hereby mark the one hundredth anniversary of California's juvenile courts and recognize the significance of this day in the history of the California court system.

In witness whereof

I have hereunto set my hand this 26th day of February 2003.

Ronald M. George
Chief Justice of California

Attest:

William C. Vickrey
Administrative Director of the Courts